

# **CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

July 23, 2018

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order on July 23, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the Court House. Commissioner Jack Carpenter, Commissioner Goff Searl, Clerk Niki Collier, and Deputy Clerk Becky Smilko were all present.

Commissioner Goff Searl opened the meeting with prayer.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to approve the minutes of July 16th, 2018.

Commissioner Searl gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden advised the Board about a tree removed from the county roadway, as well as regular road maintenance. Mr. Haden reported receiving no applications for the mechanic position and request to fill the position with a current employee. Mr. Haden stated that the Road & Bridge department had not received a raise in quite a while. The Board advised Mr. Haden that it would be unlikely in the near future since the County is looking at a possible increase in the cost of employee health insurance. Commissioner Searl request delineators (reflectors) be maintained and applied to roadways.

Billy Goode & Mark McCall reported they have cleaned out the noxious weed spray truck and office desk. They are continuing to study for their commercial pesticide certification. The Board advised Mr. Goode to pick up the noxious weed computer from the Clerk's office and as they begin spraying the right of ways, pay special attention to rural intersections.

Commissioner Searl stated he still has concerns regarding recent changes with the Prairie Star newspaper. Commissioner Searl suggested that the Board will need to reconsider what paper to use for publishing official notices in the coming year in order to keep cost down.

HR Administrator Crystal Wade advised that USI will be attending the meeting on Aug. 6, 2018, to present an official quote for employee health insurance.

Treasurer Amy Goode provided quarterly bank reconciliation reports for review.

Chairman Shaw recessed the meeting for 10 minutes at 9:20 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 9:30 a.m. for budget discussion. Information was gathered from departments heads as needed.

Ms. Wade rejoined the meeting to present early health insurance estimate from USI and it appears there may be a reduction in cost. More detail will be provided by USI on August 6, 2018.

Commissioner Shaw motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Searl, motion passed 3-0.

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Goff Searl, First District Commissioner

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Rodney Shaw, Chairman, Second District Commissioner

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Jack Carpenter, Third District Commissioner

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Niki Collier, County Clerk